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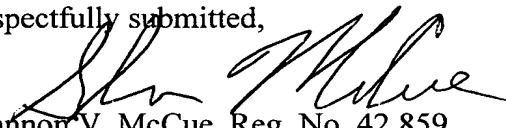
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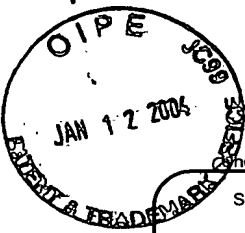
patentably distinct over the art of record. In the event the Examiner would care to discuss any of the disclosed art more specifically, the undersigned attorney would welcome a telephone call.

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